

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 662 - SB 756

March 4, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes property owners to contest a municipal determination with the county legislative body that a property's primary use is not for agricultural purposes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent a special meeting is required by a county legislative body for the purpose of conducting a contested case hearing, and members of the body are compensated on a per meeting basis, there would be a mandatory increase in local expenditures up to a maximum of \$7,700 for any such meeting.*

Assumptions:

- This bill has no fiscal impact on state operations.
- To the extent a property owner contests a municipal determination by petitioning the county legislative body, and the body is required to conduct a special meeting on the contested determination, there could be additional costs to the applicable municipality, if the body's members are compensated on a per meeting basis.
- Based on information obtained from the 2012 Tennessee County Commissioners Association survey, 19 local legislative bodies compensate members on a per meeting basis.
- Based on survey data, the cost to conduct one meeting ranged from a minimum of \$250 for Cannon County (10 members x \$25) to a maximum of \$7,700 for Claiborne County (22 members x \$350).
- The average compensation for one meeting across all 19 counties was \$2,250.
- To the extent no special meeting is required, and any such contested case is conducted as part of other regularly-scheduled meetings, the fiscal impact to local government is considered not significant.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly legible.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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